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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner	Art Unit
	Deepak Rao	1624

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 January 2005.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 3-36 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 3-36 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ . |

DETAILED ACTION

This office action is in response to the amendment filed on January 3, 2005.

Claims 3-36 are pending in this application.

The following rejections are maintained:

Claims 35, 3-9, 14-18, 22-25 and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Janssens et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,588,722. The reasons provided in the previous office action are incorporated here by reference.

Applicant relies on the amendment to claim 36 to overcome the rejection, however, claim 35 and the dependent claims are rejected over the reference. Claim 35 was not amended to specifically define the heterocyclic groups of A. Therefore, the rejection is maintained.

The following rejections are under new grounds:

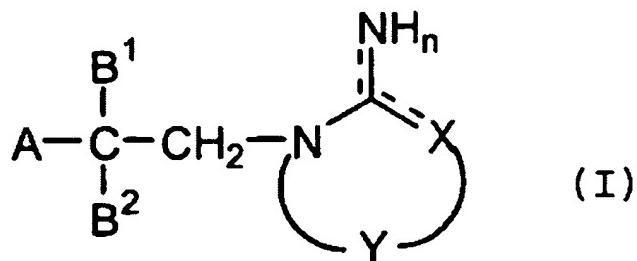
Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 3-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claims 35 and 36 are drawn to a compound represented by formula (I) (depicted below for convenience):



wherein -Y-X- is defined to be $-C(R^7)=C(R^8)-N=$. The claims however provide that “the dotted line shows either the presence or absence of a bond” which contradicts with the definition of -Y-X- in the claim, which shows a ‘double bond’ (=) following the nitrogen atom. Therefore, according to the definition of -Y-X-, there is always a ‘double bond’ following the N atom, and therefore, the dotted line always indicates ‘presence of a bond’ and **not** absence of bond. Accordingly, the $-NH_n$ can only be attached to the ring carbon atom via a single bond. The structural features as defined, do not permit the alternative recitation of ‘presence or absence of a bond’.

Further, the claims recite that “n is an integer of 1 or 2”, however, as the bond following X in -Y-X- is always a double bond (=), there can not be a =NH on the ring. Therefore, the subscript n can not have the value of 1. Further, all the compounds specifically recited in claim 36 have a 2-amino substituent (i.e., $-NH_2$) and therefore, n is always 2. It is not understood why the claim continues to define ‘n to be 1 or 2’. The structural representation and the definitions of the terms provided in the claims are very confusing. Appropriate amendment which is fully supported in the specification, along with appropriate explanation is required to overcome the rejection.

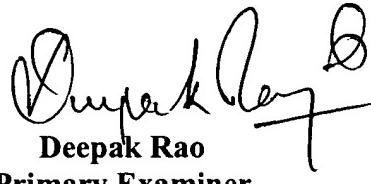
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Deepak Rao whose telephone number is (571) 272-0672. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday from 6:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dr. Mukund Shah, can be reached on (571) 262-0674. If you are unable to reach Dr. Shah within a 24 hour period, please contact James O. Wilson, Acting-SPE of 1624 at (571) 272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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